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Memphis Mayor criticizes Newark Mayor Sharpe James outraged at comments

NEWARK—Newark Mayor Sharpe James recently castigated Memphis Mayor W.W. Herenton, disputing the Tennessee mayor's "derogatory remarks about Newark," as quoted in a recent article in the *Atlanta Constitution*.

In the new story entitled, "Memphis mayor faces fight in effort to annex suburbs," Mayor Herenton detailed his proposal to annex surrounding suburbs to the City of Memphis. He cautioned that what "happened in Newark" could happen in Memphis if the City continued to lose its affluent white population, and referred to Newark as an "ugly reality." Memphis' population is now 55 percent black while the county's population is 55 percent white.

In a letter to the Memphis official, Mayor James stated, "What happened in Newark, concerning the City's reduced tax base, had nothing to do with 'white flight' or race. It had everything to do with poor leadership that could not adapt to Newark's shift from a manufacturing base to a travel, technological, research and service industry base."

"This, combined with the social disturbances happening throughout the nation in the Sixties, resulted in the problems that confronted Newark. My administration has faced the reality of Newark's changing tax base and the changing needs of our residents. This, along with the confidence of developers and others, has

resulted in a wide variety of improvements," James continued.

"Rather than seeing the many good things happening in Newark today, you seem to cling to the same misconceptions many others ascribe to about what 'happened' in Newark. Although I understand that the City of Memphis is in the midst of some very serious problems, I fail to see why you must cite 'what happened in Newark' as an example of what could happen to Memphis."

"Newark is the richest City in the New Jersey in terms of development. This includes hundreds of new affordable housing units and new office towers, a \$150 million New Jersey Performing Arts Center in the heart of the City and a

light rail system that will allow residents and visitors to travel between Newark International Airport, Newark's Penn Station, the arts center, the City's five colleges and universities, government buildings and businesses downtown."

James noted that Newark's revitalization efforts have earned the City numerous awards, including the U.S. Conference of Mayors' "City Livability Award," the National Civic League's "All-America City Award" and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Administrator's Award." In February 1993, City and State newspapers listed Newark in the top 10 percent of a ranking of 2000 jurisdictions—states, counties and municipalities.

"While these awards and rankings do not mean that Newark has solved all of its problems, they should be fairly convincing proof that Newark is becoming one of the nation's leading municipalities." The mayor also admonished Herenton for researching the issues before "seeking to publicly embarrass other cities in advancing a questionable position on your part."

In closing, James invited Herenton to visit Newark in the near future so you can witness these improvements firsthand. I am sure that, after you witness what is really happening in Newark, you won't be so ready to dump on our City. You may even learn some valuable tips that will help Memphis."



Mayor Sharpe James

CWA union and United Hospital raise money for children with aids

EAST ORANGE—Officials of the Local 1077 of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) recently announced the kick off of a fundraising drive to benefit children with AIDS. Mary Boland, RN, MSN, Director of the Children's Hospital AIDS Program at United Hospitals Medical Center to whom the funds would be donated, joined CWA Local 1077 President Craig Fisher and CWA members at East Orange City Hall in a first campaign effort by a local union to raise money for children with AIDS.

The campaign, "Pitching for Pennies," is aimed at raising \$5,000 for children with AIDS at United Hospital in Newark. Craig Fisher, president of Local 1077, said the CWA has decided to become an active participant in the fight against AIDS, one of the charges of the CWA is "People Helping People" and this campaign helps us to meet that goal.

Mayor Cooper said, "The Pitching for Pennies" campaign is an extremely important project that benefits young AIDS victims not only in East Orange but in communities throughout this county. I encourage all city employees to support this commendable and worthwhile effort."

According to CHAP Director Mary Boland of Children's Hospital, there are currently 50 children with AIDS at our hospital. Many of the patients are in their teens which is good sign in terms of the advances made in AIDS research and treatment. However, there remains so much work to be done in the fight

against AIDS, one case, one child with AIDS is too many.

"The funds collected will be used to assist children with AIDS and their families with medical costs, personal needs and research. According to campaign coordinator, Ann Moore, "pennies will be collected during the months of September and October." Contributors can make donations in denominations other than pennies. We welcome any and all contributions. "Check and money order contributions can be mailed to the attention of Ann Moore, CWA Local 1077, 586 Central Avenue, East Orange, NJ 07018. Cash contributions can be delivered to Ms. Moore in the City treasurer's office in East Orange City Hall. For more information call 201-266-5363.

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CWA members Left-Right Ann Moore, Mary Boland, Craig Fisher, Marilyn Reid, and Mayme Robinson.

Newark receives multi-million dollar grants

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Robert Menendez, announced recently that the city of Newark will receive three grants totaling more than \$51.7 million. A Comprehensive Grant issued to the Newark Housing Authority, in the amount of \$38.3 million, will be used to modernize low income public housing developments. A Community Development Block Grant issued to the city, in the amount of \$12.6 million will be used to rehabilitate housing and stimulate economic development. The additional grant of \$1.7 million was awarded to the Newark Pre-School Council for the Head Start Program. The grant will be used to provide services which include day care and pre-school education to handicapped children. Menendez stated, "Head start levels the playing field for many children in our urban areas. It gives low-income children that little extra something to prepare them for fruitful lives."

"We need to make Newark a show piece of urban redevelopment" Menendez said. "In order to achieve this we need to rehabilitate the city's stock and create economic opportunity." For further information, please contact Harold Lucas, Executive Director of the Newark Housing Authority at 201-430-2430 or Audrey Harris Executive Dir. of Head Start at 201-621-5760.

Accessing the issues

EAST RUTHERFORD—The Rev. Al Sharpton, Dr. Elaine C. Harrington, the new head of the New Jersey NAACP, Gregory Sanders, New Jersey State Police Trooper, Attorney Kirk D. Rhodes and Kaleem Shabazz, Atlantic County Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews participated in a "serious" but emotionally charged topic "Is the Civil Rights Movement alive, dead or dormant?" about "contemporary issues facing black New Jersey."

Appearing at the 11th Annual New Jersey Black Issues Convention, this diverse panel along with seminar participants called for "immediate, direct action" against

AT&T for printing a "racist" Go-rilla cartoon describing people of African descent.

The panel called for "swift" resolution" to charges of "racial discrimination and harassment" brought by 12 black state troopers in a federal EEOC lawsuit filed against the New Jersey State Police Department. In addition, panelists discussed the "conspiracy and harassment" against Black elected and appointed officials by government sanctioned investigations. They wondered "out loud" if state and federal governments are trying to "destroy" black leadership by indictments and wire tapping.

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(Left to Right) Kaleem Shabazz, Atlantic City activist; Rick Taylor, former Plainfield Mayor; Rev. Al Sharpton; Dr. Elaine C. Harrington, NJ NAACP President; Hon. Donald Tucker, BIC Chairman; Gregory Sanders, NJ State Trooper and Kirk D. Rhodes, Civil Rights Attorney for Caesar and Mayze families.

Where do we stand in the health plan?

by William Reed

The most frequently discussed concerns that black health care professionals voice about President Bill Clinton's health reform plan is a need for African-Americans to get increased government investment in their communities' health system infrastructure. They say that even if blacks have insured coverage, many are not necessarily assured of "access." Leading blacks in the health care profession are asking that the administration take the access the government's plan will provide. An NMA report said, "More than 30 million Americans, some of whom do have insurance, cannot find anyone to treat them because there are too few health care providers where they are."

"Black America is like a third world country," Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad told the Capital Press Club in a forum on Clinton's plan. A physician as well as National Spokesman for the Nation of Islam, Dr. Muhammad pointed out that there are 2,000 patients to each physician in the nation's black areas, while the white ratio of patients to doctors is 250 to one. He joined other black health care experts with reservations about the plan saying that it "lacks adequate investment in the health system infrastructure in black America. We need to be part of the entire process to increase the number of

physicians and health care facilities in our community, as well as gaining a larger part of the \$8 billion in research that is spent by the government each year." Blacks in health care say that the government's increased investment in underserved communities must include an additional 10,000 physicians, additional hospital, clinic and health maintenance facilities, expanded support for historically black colleges and universities, and a "race-specific" examination of the \$5 billion that Medicare spends each year on medical education.

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The Pride of Housing participant parents: (back row from left) Diane Bell, Yvette Wilson, Deirdre Miller, (front row left) Norma Simmons, Kathy Hatten, Rachel Nesmith

The pride of parenting

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City parents committed to parenting excellence show pride in their achievement. The Pride of Housing participant parents Diane Bell, Yvette Wilson, Deirdre Miller, Norma Simmons, Kathy Hatten, and Rachel Nesmith received gifts donated by the Avon Cosmetics Company as part of their weekly

parenting skills program at Horizon Health Center, 708 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City.

The Pride of Housing is a 40 week parenting skills program for young parents living in Jersey City's public housing projects. The program, which is sponsored by the housing authority's tenant board, is geared towards eliminating drug use

and fostering education. Weekly meetings include a "family dinner," a lecture and structured child care for the participant's children.

The presentation of gifts is part of Horizon's Partner's In Progress Program, which encourages the corporate community to partner themselves with families dedicated to raising healthy and happy children.

Legacy honored

Legacy, the organization of minority employees of the New Jersey Highway Authority, was recently cited for "outstanding service to the community," by the executive committee of the Sixth Annual Festival of the Arts & Heritage of African-Americans. Legacy president Jerry J. Jackson (r) received the award from festival chairperson Ronald Mathis at the mid-September event held at the Garden State Arts Center.



Giving women a bad rap

by Lisa Gibson

The first thing you hear is the driving baseline. It's the kind of rhythm that many people, especially teenagers, can't help moving to. By the time you hear the lyrics, you don't realize that what you may be listening to is a message that perhaps has no one, especially youth, should hear.

But, tell that to the millions of youngsters who buy it. Nearly 15 years ago, a select, obscure group of musicians created a style of music that has revolutionized the music industry and is now the subject of political and social controversy. Who would have thought that the Sunshill Gang, Afrika Bambaata, Kurtis Blow and a host of other

artists would create a genre of music that would go on to be the powerful voice of an oppressed man, and in some cases, an unabashed means of disrespecting black womankind?

Patrice Curtis, a leader of the National Organization for Women's Takoma Park, Maryland Chapter, among the growing number of African-American women who are beginning to speak out against what they contend are misogynist messages in hip hop and rap music.

Her role as co-chair of a national NOW Committee on young feminists, she says, compels her to urge young African-Americans to "listen to the lyrics" before they support artists who may be sending negative messages about women and African-Americans in general.

"Black women are beginning to feel empowerment to say this rap music this black music is not O.K.," said Curtis, who did just that in joining NOW President Patricia Ireland as key speaker at the March on Washington in August.

Curtis and her feminist allies maintain that black women face enough obstacles with the double burden of being female and of color. The 32-year-old foreign affairs analyst, who is preparing to study agricultural economics at Oxford University in England, notes that young African-American women find it much harder to achieve in a culture that degrades, rather than nurtures them.

"Rap is not just a music, it reflects our culture," said Curtis. "Rappers make what they think people want to hear." Yet, many have also praised rap music for its ability to express the realities of inner-city struggles. Some groups have committed themselves to making only positive rap that urges youth to stay drug-free, crime-free, and education bound.

Groups like Arrested Development, feature strong Afro-centric messages and preach against black-on-black violence. Even more hard-core artists like Ice Cube, Ice-T and new-comer M.C. Ebi bring the realities of street life to national attention, refusing to sugar-coat the messages of poverty, anger and despair.

But, those messages got lost at

this year's National Association of Black Journalists Conference, where a well-known rapper said that he saw nothing wrong with referring to a woman as a "b—ch" in music if that's the way he perceived her.

Curtis attributes this type of attitude to the tendency of some men who look at women as objects and not human beings. "Negative rap music allows men to make women faceless; not people but things; not someone you should care about, but someone you can hurt and walk away from," said Curtis.

NABJ President Sidmel Estes-Sumpter contends that black leaders as a whole haven't been forthcoming about negative messages in hip hop and rap because of a sense of loyalty to black culture.

"The old adage: 'We shouldn't criticize our brother' just doesn't wash," she said. "We don't have to accept these messages in rap music simply because our brothers and sisters are making this music."

Coping

by Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Sadism and other questions about sex

The columns that I have written about problems relating to sex have been among the most popular topics that I have addressed. Your letters are greatly appreciated, because they let me know that you are reading my column. I have received a deluge of letters and will eventually answer each of them, personally. However, your letters concerning sexual problems are so interesting that I want to share some of them, and my comments, with "Coping" readers.

Dear Mr. Faulkner,

I enjoy sex, but strangely, I get more turned on by feelings in other parts of my body than I do in the (genital area). Is this odd?

Jean, Kentucky

Jean: Consider yourself normal and fortunate. You are experiencing sensitivity of nerves within your body, and thus, have the capacity to be easily fulfilled and probably achieve a full bodily expression of sexual enjoyment. There are many sensitive areas in the body that provide as much excitement as the genital area. Remember this about others as well as yourself.

Dear Mr. Faulkner,

I know you won't print my letter because it's not too "nice," but I get a kick out of hurting women when I have sex with them. Some of them seem to like it. So, what's wrong with a little pain?

P.J.

P.J.: Your propensity to inflict pain borders on sadism. You may get a kick out of inflicting pain, but I wonder if your companions really do like it?

Sadism is a psychological abnormality. It is an attempt to assert control over another person. Sex, in this instance, is a one-sided affair. It is only for the aggressor's satisfaction. You may not like to know it, but sadists are really weak, insecure people who must constantly abuse others in order to support their own

weak self-image.

Eventually, you are going to hurt someone permanently. What message are you attempting to present about yourself and your emotional needs? It appears that you attain only temporary satisfaction and must rely upon insecure masochists for victims. What does this indicate about both of you? If your urge is sometimes uncontrollable, you should seek counseling. If, on the other hand, you feel it is a safe, mild form of sexual enhancement, done with a consenting adult who is not physically harmed, you have nothing to be concerned about.

Dear Mr. Faulkner,

I live in a violent neighborhood, where rape is common, and I am always scared. Sometimes, I am even too scared to go out of the house. What should I do?

Scared

Scared: Rape is a constant threat in many neighborhoods across this country. You should turn your fear into protective actions that will minimize the threat of rape to yourself. Don't travel alone at night, keep doors locked in your automobile and at home, don't allow people to peer into your home at night. Rape is an act of violence; it is not the act of an over-sexed man who is overwhelmed by his desires. Should you find yourself confronted personally with a rapist, try to be calm. It is useless to let a person who is about to be raped to be calm, but try, try, try.

Fighting will only anger the rapist. Talk calmly and understandingly to him. Try to befriend him. Don't talk, however, if it angers him. Contact Your Rape Crisis Center for more advice. Call a close friend, go to a hospital. Be most important of all, try to avoid the dangerous situation.

Send your letters to Dr. Faulkner c/o City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, New Jersey 07061.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union County will hold a conference on street violence from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Vocational-Technical School. For more info call (908)527-4109.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

EAST ORANGE — The Malcolm X Memorial Committee continues its Tuesday Only Lecture Series and will come all to attend. Remember, knowledge is the foundation of power. This week's speaker will be Sis. Karen Daughtry-Wife of Rev. Herbert Daughtry of The House of The Lord Church. She is Founder of Sisters Against South African Apartheid. Her topic: "The Power of African-American Women in The Worldwide Liberation Struggle." Don't forget — 23 Prospect St. Doors open at 6:30 P.M. Get there by any means necessary! Help. For more info call (212)760-7768.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

WESTFIELD — The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County presents "Healthy Eating Improves Work Performance" 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. To register call (908) 645-9854.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

MONTCLAIR — The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) presents its "Variations on a Theme: Cultural Diversity in America 1750-1993" Museum hours are from 11 A.M. - 5 P.M. For more info call (212)760-7760.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

MONTCLAIR — The Montclair Art Museum (MAM) will present its teacher-training workshop, "Art Reflects Change," from 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

IRVINGTON — Every Thursday at the Irvington General Hospital from 5 P.M. (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) clinic. FREE TREATMENT!!! Call for an appointment at (201)399-6124.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

JERSEY CITY — Native American Johnny Moses will tell stories of medicine and healing arts. For more info call (201)200-3393.

11 A.M. - 5 P.M. For more info call (201)746-5555.

TRENTON — The Fall 1993 Lecture in the Fine Arts will be held in the State Museum Auditorium. This free lecture on the art of Milton Avery will be given at 5:30 P.M. For more info call (609)292-6464.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City College Department of Nursing will offer a one-evening course on "Entrepreneurship in Nursing." For more info call (201)200-3157.

NYC — The Fashion Institute of Technology exhibits 30 textiles created by West African Artist Nkume Diana that are mud-dyed, noon - 8 P.M. For more info call (212)760-7760.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

NEWARK — Essex County College: International Week Symposium 2:30 P.M. For more info call (201)977-3296.

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NEWARK — The Newark Museum presents their "Family Feature," The

Weather Machine. For ages 8 and up come and investigate common weather and climatic changes in the Solar System. For times and info, call (201)596-6550.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

NEWARK — Essex County College: International Week Dance 7:00 P.M. For more info call (201)977-3296.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

BRANCHBURG — Raritan Valley Community College to sponsor bus trips to NYC Opera, Museum of Modern Art and NYC Ballet. For more info call (908)218-8871.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

NEWARK — Essex County College: Puerto Rican Heritage Heritage Month fair raising awareness.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

WATCHUNG — 15 piece swing band returns to artists center. King's Road Swing Band plays for dancing or listening. For more info call (908)750-0190.

MOUNTAINDALE — Fall day ride tickets available at the Trailside Nature & Science Center. For more info call (908)788-3670.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

JERSEY CITY — TOWH, a nationally-known Nargisette/Blaug educator, lecturer, storyteller, musician, and artist, will speak on "Medicine and Healing." For more info call (201)200-3393.

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Harris, on the rise



PLAINFIELD — Gary L. Harris has been appointed vice-president in the Commercial Loan Department of United National Bank. A Plainfield resident for seventeen years, Harris is a graduate of Cheshire Academy, in Connecticut, and of Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island. Prior to joining United National Bank, he was an investment officer with Home Life Insurance in New York City and a vice-president at Prudential Insurance company.

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

Jackson, Farrakhan unity pledge under attack: Opponents from the *New York Times*, to black columnist William Raspberry have weighed in against the recent pledge by Rev. Jesse Jackson and Black Muslim Minister Louis Farrakhan to form a united front to improve the economic condition of African-Americans. The unity pledge took place at the recent Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend in Washington, during a well-attended panel discussion on racism. The *Times* editorially labeled the new unity between Jackson, the Black Caucus and Farrakhan a "political mugging" by Farrakhan. Columnist Raspberry questioned whether black leaders could unite with Farrakhan without offending Jews, noting that many in the Jewish community consider Farrakhan anti-Semitic. But, NAACP head Ben Chavis used the Washington meeting to say "it was a mistake" by prominent black leaders not to allow Farrakhan to speak at the recent 30th Anniversary March on Washington. Regarding between himself and other black leaders Farrakhan said, "Our differences are not such that we can't reconcile them." —WASHINGTON, DC

Mandela says end South Africa sanctions: With first-ever multi-racial

elections scheduled for April of next year, black South African leader Nelson Mandela told the United Nations recently it was time to end economic sanctions against the country's white minority government. A majority of the world's nations, 100 U.S. cities and 27 states maintain sanctions against South Africa because of its anti-black political system known as apartheid. Mandela is expected to win next April's elections and become the country's first black president.—NEW YORK, NY

Mike Tyson narrowly denied trial: Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson suffered a major legal blow in September in his bid to get a new trial on a rape conviction. The Indiana Supreme Court deadlocked 2 to 2 on a new trial appeal. The court's fifth judge disqualified himself from the case, and the law requires a majority ruling for a new trial to be granted. Tyson is serving a six-year term for a rape in 1991. He is not eligible for parole until May 1995. The only appeal he has left is to a federal court.—INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Baltimore mayor will not run for governor: Saying he still had a "fire in the belly" for Baltimore, Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke last month abandoned his bid to become the first black governor of Maryland. Schmoke had been leading in several public opinion polls. The 43-year-old former Rhodes scholar

considered one of the brightest and most energetic political leaders in the country. He will seek a third term as mayor of Baltimore.—BALTIMORE, MD

Black gang convictions thrown out in Chicago: Despite labeling it a "patriot" decision, a federal judge in mid-September dismissed the racketeering convictions against six top leaders of the El Rukn—one of the nation's largest and most notorious black gangs. Judge Marvin Aspen cited "misconduct" by the prosecution, which included allowing witnesses against the defendants to use illegal drugs in jail. A total of 13 convictions of El Rukn members have been overturned. And, now lawyers for 24 others are seeking new trials, and 16, who pleaded guilty, are seeking to back out of their plea deals. The gang is accused of building a massive drug and weapons empire in Chicago. The decision dismisses the case also threw out a racketeering conviction of Noah Robinson—half brother of Rev. Jesse Jackson—who was accused of helping the El Rukn expand their drug empire.—CHICAGO, IL

Arsenio Hall seeks to help new talent: Talk show host Arsenio Hall is seeking to help talented young stars by giving them a break on his popular late night show. Interested musicians, comedians, dancers and actors have been invited to submit a videotape performance by October 29. The top two acts will appear on Hall's show, receive

\$1,000 and get a meeting with a major Hollywood executive. The address to send videotapes is: Arsenio's Floor of the Future, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Box 1, Hollywood, California 90038.—HOLLYWOOD, CA

'Super thinking' guide compiled for blacks: A manual detailing "how to solve problems like a genius" began distribution last month by the national black self-help group—Better Life Club. The guide which is the work of three accomplished scholars, reportedly provides "super thinking" techniques for solving problems, achieving high levels of motivation and achieving financial security. It is free from the non-profit Better Life Club, at P.O. Box 28492, Washington, D.C. 20038. "Please include \$3.00 to cover mailing and handling costs." —WASHINGTON, DC

Black Memphis mayor creates a furor with annexing idea: W. W. Herenton was elected the first black mayor of Memphis, Tennessee in large part because just two years ago black registered voters began to outnumber white registered voters. But, Herenton has created a controversy among both blacks and whites by pushing an idea to merge predominantly white suburbs, which make up the rest of Shelby county, with the city of Memphis. Herenton argues that a declining tax base could one day turn Memphis into "a poor black enclave surrounded by rich white suburbs." But, the idea is drawing opposition from both whites and blacks. Black state senator John Ford said of Herenton's idea "You'd have to be a plumb fool to think this up." But the "hit-and-run" blacks gain little by controlling a city which is broke.—MEMPHIS, TN

Troops' racism released in Somalia?

By William Reed

As troops from around the world continue to pursue the elusive clan General Mohamed Farrah Aided, an increasing number of Somali people have become angry and resentful of the Western-dominated peace keepers in that country. Many blacks around the world are now also voicing concerns that racism may be motivating many of the soldiers from the U.S. and members of other forces representing the United Nations there. In early September over 100 local women and children were killed by UN forces and angry Somali youth now regularly hurl stones and grenades at the peace keepers, and even older civilian citizens in the southern part of Mogadishu have started to throw up burning street barricades and publicly demonstrate against the continued presence of U.N. soldiers.

Despite a \$25,000 bounty on his head, General Aided continues to elude UN capture and directs his growing band of supporters against foreign domination of the small east African nation. U.S. President Bill Clinton, who has 5,000 troops in Somalia, said that he wants to "stabilize" the country and "leave its people in control of their own destiny." But the "hit-and-run" General Aided has written a letter to former President Jimmy Carter seeking an invitation to New York to put his case before the formal UN body. He has avoided capture by adopting what one source called a "village lifestyle," that has made him almost invisible to sophisticated electronic detection equipment and massive ground searches. He hopes to win a war of attrition and his techniques are said to include traveling by donkey instead of automobile caravans and employing women as messengers instead of using electronic devices to communicate with his troops. Since June 5th almost 50 UN peace keepers have been killed in Somalia's capital city of 1 million. UN peace keepers strength in the country for operation "Restore Hope" now

numbers 25,000 strong. Sources say, Aided leads a guerrilla military and political clan faction that also numbers in the thousands and his ability to outmaneuver the forces is making him a folk hero.

Western forces use high-tech armaments, such as helicopters that use night-vision sights firing automatic weapons and 2.75 mm rockets to fight against the Somali loyalist to Aided. Since the June incident of locals striking against the UN, Aided has been labeled a "fugitive warlord" and recently the U.S. sent 400 Army Rangers there with the express purpose of capturing Aided. Many of the Rangers are reported to be members of the elite anti-terrorist Delta Force. During the Rangers' first operation they were dropped by ropes from hovering helicopters and badly damaged two buildings inhabited primarily by foreign white aid workers. They arrested eight UN civilian employees by mistake. The relief workers, and other supporters at the UN building, protested and labeled the raid "extremely aggressive," troops from Canada, which show the Confederate flag as their symbol, have also been cautioned by their superiors for the "aggressive" treatment of Somali citizens. With the developments in Somalia, Elder Yahudah Ben Shabbach, Chairman of the African American Organization, has asked for "a halt to all military action in Somalia" and the "withdrawal of all UN and U.S. imperialistic forces from the country." U.S. senators are asking Clinton for a "reevaluation" of the U.S. role and purpose in Somalia. Clinton, who sent 40 specially trained soldiers from Ft. Benning to Mogadishu to help clear mines, has said that he wants to reduce American troop strength in Somalia, but wants to do it without an increase in violence. "It's not going to be a situation we just can't get out of but on the other hand we don't want to leave under conditions that will cause things to immediately revert to where they were before the United Nations entered."

training of management and work.

The seminar concluded with each panelist explaining their "unique" strategies to combat racism against blacks in New Jersey. "Black self-

help and self-love could be a major focus in solving the economic, social and moral problems that plague our black communities in New Jersey," said Rev. Al Sharpton, president of National Action Network.

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The discussion also focused on how "mainstream" media headlines and targeted probes was used as effective "tools" by the state and federal governments to "smear and defame" black elected and appointed officials such as Adam Clayton Powell, Shirley Chisholm, Martin Luther King, Congressman Harold Ford and Kaleem Shabazz.

The seminar participants, in a strong resolution, urged BIC and NAACP to meet with the AT&T executives to discuss systemic restructuring of the corporate culture to prevent a recurrence of the racist gorilla episode. Increasing managerial and executive positions in AT&T for African-Americans, increasing procurement of African-American business, African-American suppliers, and immediate institution by AT&T of multi-cultural

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EDITORIAL

Recycling plan in the best interest of Plainfield residents

Plainfield's recycling program has gotten off to a rocky start, due to a legal challenge by Automated Recycling, a Linden-based firm backed by the Union County Utilities Authority, after Plainfield's City Council decided to award the contract for recycling services to Plainfield Iron and Metal Company.

In spite of the start, the new plan is in the best interest of Plainfield and offers more options for the city and its residents. We commend the Mayor and City Council for their bold and aggressive position in the interest of the city.

Banks can better serve the community

Is the deterioration in the cities the result of banks' unwillingness to loan to minorities who live in urban areas? While many minorities have expressed concern over what they consider lack of access to financial resources to buy homes or build businesses, recent reports by the Banking Commissioners of New Jersey and New York, the Federal Reserve Bank, and the New Jersey Citizen's Action Organization seem to agree. It is time for our banks to stop playing the "indefinite shell game" with community reinvestment where loan opportunities remain elusive.

They should encourage more citizens to live, build, and start businesses in the cities. Until the banks seriously take action to make a difference, the cities will remain underdeveloped reservations for the poor and fertile breeding grounds for crime that will strangle the cities and erode suburban sanctuaries.



Now is the time for African Unity

"Without unity we fight among ourselves; without unity even our friends and allies are unable to help us, because they do not know whom to support. Furthermore, division among us will lead to division among our friends and allies, who will start to show solidarity with factions and not with the people. Above all, such division will enable the enemy to single out from among us targets for its crimes and assassinations." - Samora Machel, President of FRELIMO: Message to the 24th Session of the Liberation Committee of the O.A.U., January 8, 1975.

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The enormous tragedy which continues to be played out in Somalia is fueled by the lack of unity, the divisions and factions among the Somali people, the interference of the former Soviet Union, and the United States who backed opposing factions. The result is Somalia being over run with guns and weapons, which were placed in the hands of children, teenagers and poorly trained "soldiers" and militiamen. Ironically, these same guns and arms are now being used to injure and kill United States soldiers as well as others involved in the 28-nation United Nations International Force.

The pictures of the bodies of dead American soldiers being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu were very disturbing. As if that wasn't enough, the video footage of an American soldier being held hostage by so-called warlord Mohammed Farah Aided enraged the American public, bringing back memories of Vietnam. The demand for an immediate with-

drawal of American troops was escalated, along with cries for clearly defined mission objectives.

President Clinton has decided to increase the number of troops to provide extra protection, while at the same time setting a date for complete withdrawal, the ultimate resolution of Somalia's problems will have to come from the Somali people themselves. A political solution can not be imposed on the people without their input and utilization of their cultural institutions and traditions.

Rather than spending time trying to find a scapegoat for the recently botched military operation, or second guessing whether or not it was for the United States to embark on the humanitarian mission, it's imperative that every effort is made to help facilitate a peaceful and sane resolution that won't plunge Somalia back into the misery and chaos that almost annihilated all of its people.

Now is the time for the Organization of African Unity to take a lead in helping to mediate and resolve the conflicts. It was necessary for the

United Nations and the United States to intervene in Somalia. The death and starvation of millions of Somalis couldn't be allowed to continue. However, now is the time for African leaders to help resolve the problems, because they can better understand the culture and mores of the Somali people. The divisions and factions among clan leaders will have to be tackled and all will have to be brought into the negotiation process in order for the national reconciliation process to begin. The O.A.U. can play a helpful role in overseeing this process.

Thousands of innocent Somalis have been killed and caught in the crossfire between the international UN troops and the militia forces of Mohammed Farah Aided. The majority of Somalis are not wandering dead bodies in the streets, they just want to live in peace. It's important that we not let the disturbing images of the last few weeks, distort and alter our view of the true character and spirit of the Somali people.

Americans rightfully want to see their troops sent safely home. The Somalis want to try to build back their homes, towns and villages. If the policy stays focused on the common goal, the outcome will be a positive one for all involved.



by Connie Woodruff

In Newark, political activity is not centered on the campaign for governor between Jim Florio and Christie Whitman but about the visibility of potential candidates for the 1994 mayor-council race in the city where politics is the only game in town worth playing.

Governor Florio should know the Democratic leaders are doing their best to whip up enthusiasm and working hard to get voters to ring doorbells and stuff envelopes but the pickings are slim. Christie Whitman should know it will be to her advantage if the Newark vote does not live up to its potential for producing Democratic victories in Essex County.

Both could be affected by the outcome of the campaign for county offices in the Essex County suburbs. In recent elections voters outside the city of Newark have tended to lean toward Republicans. Not good if you're a Democrat.

It's no secret that in the inner cities around the state there is never a shortage of election day workers when the wheels of activity are greased with money. No money or even the promise of a day's pay keeps workers away in droves.

But plenty of loot brings our workers from senior citizens to 18-year-olds participating in their first election.

The tradition of flooding neighborhoods with "street money" has been around longer than most of us can remember and has kept the Democratic Party in urban cities solvent for years and years.

The practice of paying folks to register people and to get out the vote on election day does not have its origin in the African-American community.

Before the turn of the century and before women and minorities had the right to vote there were politicians who bought their way into political office and "ward healers" paid to "keep their man" in office.

African Americans inherited the concept of "street money" and other political favors and considered it their just due before they were able to vote for people of color.

This year especially, "street money" is important to the candidates who want to be governor and the black voters who can make it possible.

Consider the fact that from July 1990 through March 1991, African Americans in New Jersey lost approximately 60,000 jobs while Asians gained 55,000 jobs during the same period, Hispanics found 60,000 more jobs and whites gained 71,000 jobs.

Hardest hit were blacks in blue-collar jobs. Loosely translated that means African Americans residing in New Jersey's six major cities: Newark, Elizabeth, Trenton, Paterson, Jersey City and Camden.

These are folks who are neither apathetic, lazy or ignorant about voting. They are worried about the future of their families and how to pay the bills that come due with regularity.

They have been listening to campaign rhetoric since last winter when Gov. Florio and Ms. Whitman swung into action in their search for support and potential votes and haven't heard how they will benefit whether the governor's office is held by a Republican or a Democrat.

Once again blacks find themselves at the bottom of the employment heap and they suspect the old practice of "last hired, first fired" is making an unwelcome return.

Say what you will, figures of reduction in force for many companies indicate African Americans suffering a disproportionate job loss compared to other ethnicities.

When confronted with the reality of hard economic times, it is difficult to expect that black folks will be happy campers come election day, November 2.

African Americans may be disappointed, frustrated and suffering in a recession they didn't cause, either, but this is not the time to be so turned off they refuse to vote for state and county candidates.

Think of what voting has meant for us: job opportunities we never had before; access to colleges and universities where we were once denied admission; a civil rights voting act that guaranteed all eligible citizens the right to be heard at the ballot box; the election of black folks in our cities, counties and states not to mention in the congress and last year, the first woman of color to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

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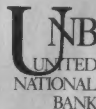
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MADISON-At Fairleigh Dickinson University, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" will be held in the Dreyfus Theater of FDU's Pluribus-Madison Campus. For ticket info call (201) 593-8620.

NEWARK-New Jersey Symphony Orchestra begins second season of Panorama Concerts for families "Spooky Sounds" will be heard at 1:30 in Symphony Hall. For more info call (201) 624-3713.

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Newark kicks off after-school program

NEWARK—The Newark school district's Office of Physical Education and Extracurricular Activities, in conjunction with the City of Newark, Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, kicked off the After-School Youth Development Program for 26 district schools on Monday, October 4, 1993.

The program will run weekdays from 3-5 p.m., for elementary students and a second session from 6-9 p.m. for high school students. The program's objective is to provide educational support, recreational activities, cultural enhancement and self-development for city youth in the after-school hours.

Daily activities include tutorial services, reading media program, arts and crafts, organized sports, games, along with group discussions on social and cultural topics. Each site will

be monitored by two teachers and two recreational aides. School locations are: East Ward: Ann Street, Dayton Street, Hawkins Street, Lafayette Street, Oliver Street, Central Ward: Camden Street, Cleveland, L.A. Spencer, Miller Street, Quinlan Street, South Ward: Avon Avenue, G.W. Carver, Chancellor Avenue, Chancellor Avenue, Madison Avenue, Peshine Avenue, West Ward: Alexander Street, Dr. E. A. Flagg, Dr. M.L. King Jr., Lincoln, Thirteenth Avenue, North Ward: Abington Avenue, L.M. Marin Middle, Roberto Clemente, Elliott Street and McKinley.

The After-School Youth Development program is free and open to all Newark students. For more information, contact Elinaldo Webster at the Board of Education, Office of Physical Education, 733-7344.

Christophers sponsor 4th annual poster contest for high school students

NEW YORK—High school students from around the country are invited to enter the fourth annual "You Can Make A Difference" poster contest sponsored by The Christophers. Father John Christophers, Director of The Christophers, said, "The Christophers believe that each person is important, that each person can change today and tomorrow for the better. This contest offers young people a chance to think about the many ways one person can affect the world around them, and then to use their creativity in expressing their ideas about what matters most to them."

All students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to enter. Posters must be 15 by 20 inches and include the

statement, "You Can Make A Difference." They will be judged on effectiveness, originality, and artistic merit. A total of \$2,000 in prizes will be awarded, with a first prize of \$1,000. Entries must be received by January 28, 1994. All posters become property of The Christophers and cannot be returned.

For complete contest rules, write to The Christophers, 12 East 48 Street, New York, NY 10017. The Christophers, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1945 to encourage individuals of every age and faith to use their unique abilities to bring about constructive change. Their motto is: "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

Youth excited about success

NEW BRUNSWICK—Dolores Gomez, a June 1993 graduate of Hunterdon Central Regional High School in Flemington, received the 2nd Annual O.C.A.W. Local #8-575 Scholarship Award.

Professional Dental Associates, P.A. sponsors the Scholarship Award of \$2,000 for four years of college study for full-time members of Local #8-575 who have children graduating from high school.

Gomez, who is attending Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, ranked 20th in a class of 436 at Hunterdon Regional. She received academic achievement awards in English, Spanish, Math and Science, and participated in numerous extracurricular activities both in and out of school. Her career goal is to be a radiologist.

Council invites interested adults who would like to create a positive impact in the lives of young women to consider being a Girl Scout Leader. Training sessions and assistance from experienced leaders and staff at Washington Rock Girl Scout Council provide preparation and continued support for new volunteers.

As an adult volunteer in Girl Scouting, the troop leader helps create a unique supportive environment where Girl Scouts develop critical life skills of decision-making, leadership and self-confidence in a diversified environment, regardless of ethnic, religious or economic background. This is accomplished through troop meetings and other activities which are scheduled to meet the needs of the leader and the girls. Together they set their own schedules and objectives to enhance rather than conflict with other activities or commitments. Many leaders obtain support from parents of the girls in their troop, or they work with several co-leaders to share their time with the girls. For further information on becoming a Girl Scout leader of girls ages 5-17, call 908-232-3236.

Girl Scouts nut sale

WESTFIELD—From October 1 to October 17, The Washington Rock Girl Scouts will introduce a Fall door-to-door Nut Sale. Since the Girl Scout Cookie Sale will only be held once a year—scheduled for the spring—those Girl Scout troops who would like to supplement their troop income will have the opportunity to do so through the Fall Nut Sale.

Seven varieties of delicious nuts will be offered from AZAR, a Girl Scout USA nationally licensed manufacturer. Six varieties, including Unsalted Mixed Nuts, Salted Mixed Nuts, Toffee Butter Peanuts, Peanut Crunch, Honey Peanuts and Spicy Party Mix will be available for \$3.50 a can. Cashews will sell for \$5.50 a can. Nut deliveries will take place from November 16 to 28, in plenty of time for the holiday season.

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council serves more than 7,000 Girl Scouts and 2,000 adult volunteers in parts of Union County and most of Middlesex and Somerset Counties.

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NJSO tours state high schools

NEWARK—This fall, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will highlight "Spooky Sounds," a program celebrating the autumn season and Halloween, featuring music from Vivaldi to Ginastera. Two school time concerts will be heard each day in Plainfield, Montclair, Sparta, Englewood, Trenton and Newark, October 13-22.

Guest conductor Neal Gittleman will lead the concerts which will include Shostakovich's Festive Overture, Vivaldi's "Autumn" from *The Four Seasons*, Saint-Saens' *Dance macabre*, Gounod's *Funeral March* of a

Marionette, Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King" from *Peer Gynt*, Beethoven's "March to the Scaffold" from *Symphonie fantastique*, and Ginastera's "Malambo" from *Estancia*.

Members of the NJSO's statewide Master Teacher Collaborative, teachers selected for creative ideas on education, prepared resource materials containing pre- and post-concert lessons for teachers whose students will be attending the concerts. The performances will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Plainfield High School, at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 at Montclair High School in Montclair, at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 15 at Sussex County Voc-Tech in Sparta; Monday, Oct. 18 at the John Harms Center in Englewood; Tuesday, Oct. 19 at the War Memorial Theatre in Trenton; and Thursday, Oct. 21 and Friday, Oct. 22 at Symphony Hall in Newark. All performances from the 15 through the 22 will be at 10:00 and 11 a.m. except the performance on the 21st will be at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

NJIT ranked sixth among ten best values in science and technology

NEWARK—The 1994 edition of Money Magazine's "Money Guide: Best College Buys" ranks New Jersey Institute of Technology 6th out of the ten top scientific and technical schools in the United States and 7th out of the top 100 best buys in higher education. The public research university also was listed 19th among the top 25 best values in the Mid-Atlantic Region and ranked 5th on a list of 10 institutions with high minority enrollments. The university annually ranks among the top 20 universities in the number of African American and Hispanic American students earning bachelor's degrees in engineering.

The Money Magazine rankings

are based on academic indicators such as the percentage of faculty with the highest degree in their discipline, test scores and high school class standing of entering freshmen, student faculty ratio, and graduation rate. Value is determined by the quality of education offered and the price of tuition.

The complete Scientific and Technical Schools list:

1. California Institute of Technology
2. Georgia Institute of Technology
3. New Mexico Institute of Mining
4. Harvey Mudd College

5. Iowa State University
 6. New Jersey Institute of Technology
 7. North Carolina State University
 8. Michigan Technological University
 9. Virginia Polytechnic Institute
 10. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Other New Jersey colleges and universities included in the top 100 are: Rutgers College (3), Trenton State College (4), Douglass College (12), Livingston College (24), Princeton University (40), and Cook College (49).

Ms. Jr. black America scholarship pageant celebrates 9 years

LOS ANGELES—Looking for substance over superficial, "Miss Junior Black America" is excited about its 9th anniversary, says Miss Junior Black America Cover Girl 1993-94, 20 year old Tara Clay of Baltimore, Md. Now in its 9th year, the Pageant, through the continued commitment of local communities, business leaders, social and civic organizations in addition to national sponsors, has become a star studded gala.

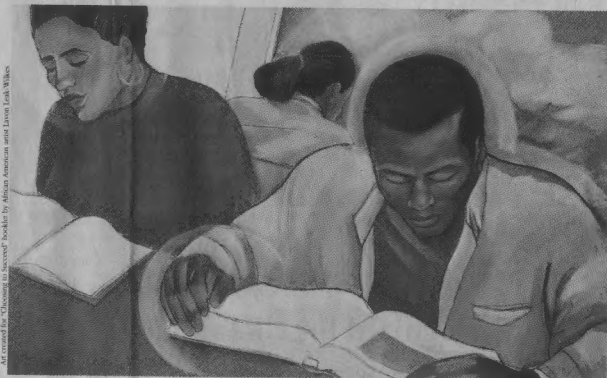
The pageant has evolved into a week-long list of festivities and will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, California, July 27, through August 1, 1994.

Thirty five contestants from the United States ages 16-21 will compete for college scholarships and a host of other awards and prizes. "The competition is based on talent, intelligence and scholastic achievement," stated Tara. She is pleased

that the swimsuit competition has been eliminated, "African-American females should be judged by inner beauty, personality and talent."

All interested teens are encouraged to compete for college scholarships. For further information, please call (213) 612-7776. The national headquarters is accepting financial contributions towards scholarships and is seeking local pageant directors to host local pageants.

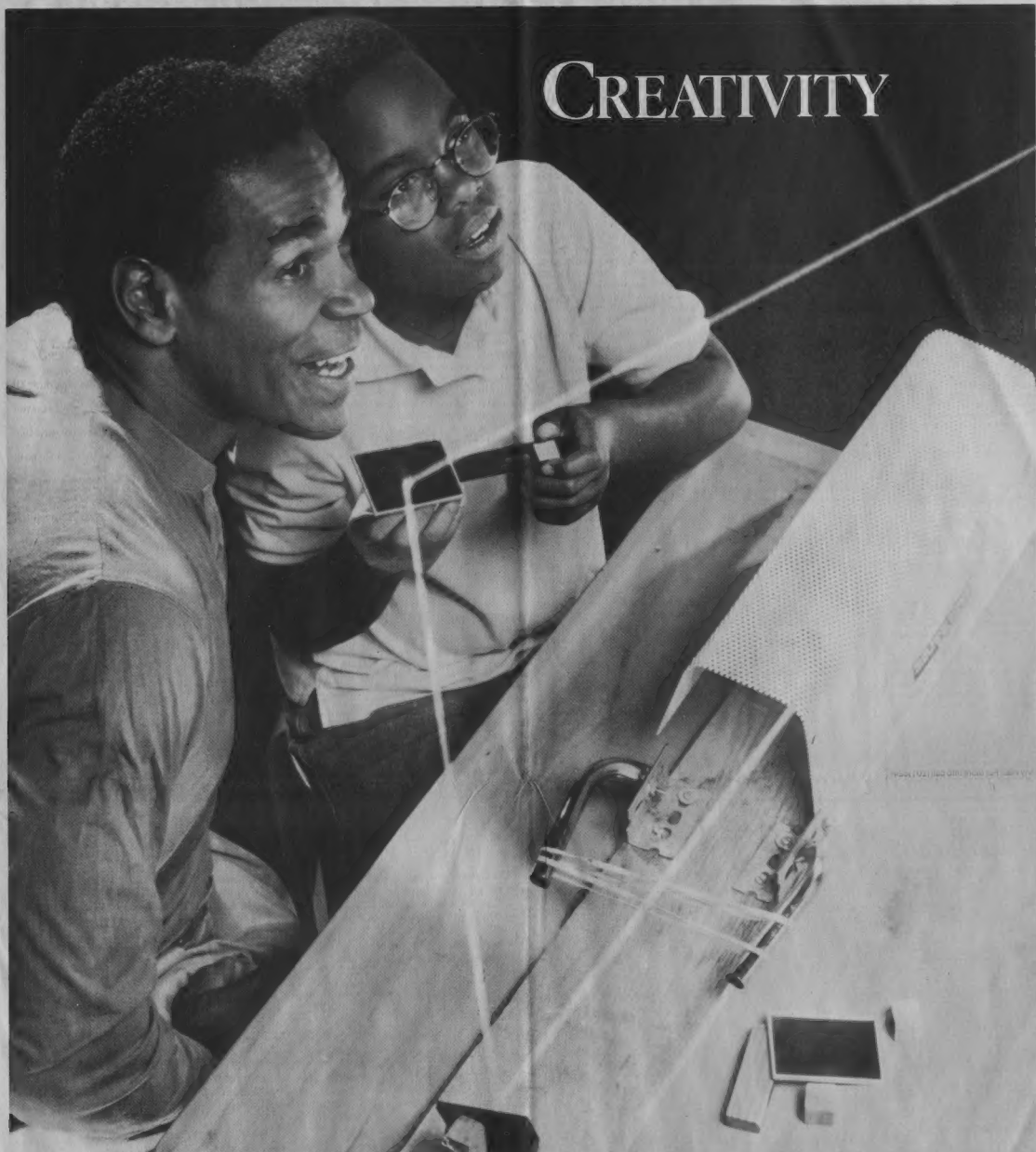
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Columbus Hospital expands neo-natal services



NEWARK — Columbus Hospital's new Nursery, located in the recently opened Luciano Pavarotti Pavilion, received State approval as a Level II Nursery, meaning that infants who previously would have been transferred to a regional facility for their special medical needs can now be treated on site.

The new unit has a twenty-bed nursery, as well as a six-bed special care nursery, where the infants with special needs will be cared for. Those that need extended care include babies in respiratory distress, babies born prematurely or with a low birth weight, or any infant who requires cardio-respiratory monitoring. "Some of the services we are able to offer to our special care babies are antibiotic therapy, intravenous therapy, ventilator care, and oxygen therapy," says Dr. Aminia Zarzuela, Director of the Nursery. Dr. Zarzuela oversees the neo-natology services at Columbus Hospital and has played a big part in the development, upgrade, and expansion of these services. "But the fact that we can give these babies the necessary medical care is just one aspect of

Nurses attend a precious patient in Columbus Hospital's Level II Nursery.

The Breast Care Test

PBS television takes the detective work out of understanding breast cancer with a program called The Breast Care Test, produced by WQED/Pittsburgh and hosted by Jane Pauley. The one-hour special will premier on public television stations nationwide on Friday, October 15 at 10 p.m. EDT (check local listings).

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the benefits of being a Level II Nursery. The doctors benefit because they don't worry about having to transfer a patient because of premature labor, or having to separate a mother from her newborn because the newborn has to be transferred to a tertiary care setting," adds Dr. Zarzuela. "This same aspect benefits the patient, who, of course, does not want to be separated from her newborn. We rarely have to do any transferring of

newborns now, so mothers can spend time bonding with their babies, even if they are in special care."

The Special Care Nursery's isolettes (a type of incubator), are designed with perches so mothers can put their hands through them and touch their babies, rather than just view them. There is also a private room adjacent to the Special Care Nursery, so that when the babies are off the ventilator and

feeling better, mothers can take them into the private room and begin breast feeding.

"We encourage practices that are not only medically healthy for mother and baby, but are psychologically and emotionally healthy as well; practices that promote intimacy and bonding," says Dr. Zarzuela.

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TUESDAY IS RECYCLING DAY

STARTING OCTOBER 5, 1993

CHANGE IN RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The uniform recycling pick up day for Plainfield will be Tuesday. The new schedule will divide Plainfield into two sections — WEST and EAST — using Park Avenue as the dividing line. Each section will be picked up on alternating Tuesdays. Park Avenue residents with Even numbered addresses will be picked up on the West dates and ODD numbered residents will be picked up on the East dates.

Effective Friday, October 1, 1993, the Plainfield Iron & Metal Company will operate and manage Plainfield's curbside recycling program.

NEW COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Please place recyclables at curbside by 7:30 A.M. on your recycling dates

	WEST	EAST
October	5, 19	12, 26
November	2, 16, 30	9, 23
December	14, 28	7, 21

During the transition, if residents experience collection difficulties, the Rock Avenue Transfer Station located at 95 Rock Avenue, Plainfield, N.J., will be available as an alternate drop-off site for residential recyclable materials from Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from October 10, 1993 thru December 31, 1993.

WHAT AND HOW TO RECYCLE

NEWSPAPERS

Tie with twine in bundles no more than 12" high. Do not use tape, wire or rubber bands to tie.

No magazines, paper bags, telephone books or cardboard.

MIXED NEWSPAPER

Mixed paper must be tied with twine in bundles no higher than 12" high. Materials placed in plastic or paper bags will not be collected. Acceptable materials include magazines, glossy catalogs, coupon and color news inserts, notebook paper, construction paper, mixed color paper, photocopy and fax paper.

Food boxes, chipboard and paper bags are not acceptable.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Must be clean. Must be flattened. Must be tied in bundles. No paper bags, magazines, telephone books, junk mail or newspaper.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Place spent household batteries including "AA", "AAA", "C", "D", 9-volt, lantern and button

cell batteries in a clear plastic bag that can be sealed or tied. Tuck the bag under the twine on your top bundle of recycled newspaper.

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Rinse well. Remove caps and lids. All bottles should be flattened. Only plastic bottles that contain pourable liquids, such as milk, soda, juice or detergent will be accepted.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

NEW YORK—Premier of "Halt Japan: A Film on The World's Greatest Underground Band." For more info call (212)627-2035.

SYRACUSE—The Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble to kick off 1994 annual U.S. tour. For more info call (212)767-0940.

THROUGH OCTOBER 10

NEW YORK—Edible Drawings by John Cage will be at the American Craft Museum, 40 West 53rd St., New York, NY 10019. For more info call 212-956-3535.

NEW YORK—New Acquisitions: Craft Today USA at the American Craft Museum, 40 West 53rd St., New York, NY 10019. For more info call 212-956-3535.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

WAYNE—William Paterson College's late 1993 Art at Lunch will be held Thursday, Nov. 18. For more info call (201) 959-2971.

The New Jersey Center For The Visual Arts offers monthly New York City bus trips. For more info call (609)273-9121.

MONTCLAIR—The Art Of Showing The 7th annual Julia Norton Babson Memorial Lecture. For more info call (201) 746-5555.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

WESTBURY, NY—Westbury Music Fair/Shabbat Ranks' 2nd Reggae Dance Hall Party with Mad Cobra, Patra, Prince Medas, Ghost & Culture and The Ruff Kutt Band at 8 P.M. For ticket info call (516) 334-0860.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

WESTBURY, NY—Russell Simmons' Bad Girls of Def Comedy Jam arrives at Music Fair at 7 P.M. For ticket info call (516) 334-0860.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

WATCHUNG—Watchung Arts Center presents a single performance of Keith Macdonald on piano. For more info call (908)753-0100.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

NEW YORK CITY—upcoming performance by New Day at The Majestic Theatre. For more info call (212) 505-6183.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SCOTCH PLAINS—Annual Holiday Boutique sponsored by the Union County Vocational-Technical School. For more info call (908)899-4336.

By Janice Malone

"The Scoop" continues with its second, and final, excerpt of an exclusive interview with Superior producer/singer Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds.

In the conclusion of part one, Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds recounted a prank he pulled while in high school. Edmonds revealed how he duped the entire school into believing that Earth, Wind & Fire (EWF) would make a personal appearance at an upcoming pep rally.

While his school-mates awaited the event with anticipation, Edmonds and several other aspiring performers, formed a group and began to practice EWF songs. On the big day, the entire school practically attended the pep rally, expecting to be entertained by authentic members of EWF, in stead, Edmonds and his band—arrived in a flashy outfit—dashed onto the stage. The

group gave a less than perfect-though amusing—performance, to everyone's surprise and delight. In the continuation, Edmonds talks about other school memories, romance and the music business.

Babyface: "I didn't go to my high school prom, I was kind of shy. I wrote lots of love songs back then, whenever I did go to a prom, I'd be part of the performing band. But, in those days, I didn't like to dance, even though I was a good dancer I was one of those 'there will be peace in the world' kind of guys."

The Scoop: So, you were sort of a nerd?

Babyface: "No. A nerd wouldn't have tricked the school into believing Earth, Wind & Fire was coming to their school! I wasn't a nerd, but I wasn't noticed either. Music allowed me to express myself otherwise. I had no reason to say anything to anybody—especially to those of the female persuasion. I would totally freeze up when it meant talking to

girls back then...I'm still kind of shy, but I'm basically a nice, clean-cut guy."

I never wanted to hurry up and turn 21 so that I could be of drinking age. I've never gotten high on drugs—I've never even smoked a joint. The only alcohol I'll drink is wine, with my lunch or dinner. I'm a romantic by trade, and I'm very sensitive. But, I can be silly, too. At times, I like to debate on certain subjects, ranging from football to apartheid. Debating is fun to me, especially with close friends. But, I'm a romantic when it comes to enjoying and longing for the feeling of being in love. The candles, wine and candy type of (romancing is) superficial to me.

My creativity stems from these early school years. I fell in love for the first time in junior high school...Many years ago, I used to have one of those "school boy crushes" on Janet Jackson. And, when I heard she had gotten married

back then, I was crushed. I kept thinking to myself, 'Hey, I was the one who was supposed to marry her, not him.' I've never regarded myself as a sex symbol, though. It doesn't really affect me because I don't know what the attributes are for being a sex symbol. I see it in other people, but not in myself...

Over the years, we've worked with some great singers, but there was a time when certain singers we really wanted to work with (who didn't want to use us) (He laughs.) I've learned that it is sometimes better to remain fans of certain singers rather than work with them. I say that because we don't want to step on anyone's toes, so to speak...I've been fortunate to be blessed with a lot of success. The only real negative thing about any of it is that it could all suddenly stop! Otherwise, as long as you keep your head on straight, pay your taxes and take care of business, everything will be all right...

Design group offers service to non-profit organizations

PLAINFIELD—The duCret School of the Arts is offering full service of its design studio to non-profit organizations. The group gives a select group of art students the opportunity to work in an Advertising Agency environment where new designs are created and cam-

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MCAA presents Fall extravaganza

PLAINFIELD—The Multi-Cultural Arts Association presents a Fall extravaganza, at the Ginn House, 1127 Watcung Avenue, on Friday October 15, from 7:30 p.m.-11:45 p.m. The event will feature gourmet catering, live Jazz entertainment and a fashion show featuring designs from New Jersey designers.

Guest entertainers will include singer David Blocker, and Keyboardist La Terry Butler, and Brian Caldwell of Plainfield. Anissa Todman also of Plainfield will participate in the fashion show. Tickets are \$25, \$30 at the door. For further information call Mr. Salas at 908-412-9722. The Multi-Cultural Association supports artists of different nationalities and sponsors events to promote their success.



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Wednesday, October 27

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Thursday, October 28

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Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

NEWARK: The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NAJAWBO) announces the fall schedule for the EXCEL program. An Entrepreneurship and Start Right! Build Right! entrepreneurial programs 9 a.m.-12 Noon at the Rutgers Small Business Development Center (SBDC). For more info call 908-707-1213.

JERSEY CITY: At Jersey City State College Joan Broe, an assistant principal at Jersey City Public School Number 23 and an instructor at Bergen County Community College, will conduct a workshop on "Assertive Discipline for Grades 6-12." Tuition is \$15. For more info call 908-707-1213.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13-15

NEW YORK: The American Management Association will offer a course entitled "Improving Managerial Skills of the New or Prospective Manager." Designed to solve the key problems faced by every new or prospective manager, the course offers the skills, knowledge, and confidence-building techniques that only practice can bring. Practice you'll get right in class. For more info call 518-891-0065.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

NEW BRUNSWICK: The New Jersey Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar "How to Start a Business" From 7 p.m. at The N.J. Law Center. One Constitution Square (off Ryders Lane). For more info call 1-800-FREE-LAW, Ext. 7525.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

NEWARK: The Greater Newark School-Age Child Care Coalition will present a conference for providers and their staff from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The conference will be held at the Hazlet Center, NJT. For more info call 578-7807.

NEW YORK: "Effective Budgeting for Managers" covers how to develop comprehensive financial plans. NYU School of continuing education. For details call 212-998-7080.

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Reunions of impotence

by William Reed

During the past summer months millions of African Americans trudged off to their annual conventions under the guise of getting together with their counterparts to solve the problems of blacks in America. In July, the NAACP took over the streets and major hotels of Indianapolis for their convention and the Urban League and Congressional Black Caucus brought tens of thousands to convene in Washington, D.C. this summer. The National Business League met at the famous Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans.

Tang Nivri, who writes for *Emerge* magazine, said that instead of solving black problems, "Negros routinely get together to eat chicken, drink vodka, chase women, play cards and make plans to do it all again next year."

For middle-income African Americans, who spend over \$15 billion a year going to reunions, conventions and conferences, such events are ritual happenings if you profess to be "anybody" in civil rights, the church hierarchy, or in a public position, you have to be on the scene and be seen.

Historians record that the first National Negro Convention was held in 1830 when Rev. Richard Allen, who founded the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, brought some 40 Negroes to discuss the establishment of a Negro colony in Canada. Since then the black convention has grown into a billion-dollar business. What used to be annual gatherings designed to strategize against racism, have now developed into the greatest entertainment spectacle man could ever imagine, and has become a major financial bonanza to

owners of the nation's leading Hyatts and Hiltons.

In addition to the bucks that whites are able to pocket from them, the black convention is now little more than a chance for African Americans to get together to blow a lot of hot air about "black economic development." They routinely spend everything they have so they can sleep, eat and drink in the finest hotels. Nivri points out that instead of being involved in black economic development, they are more involved in international development. "They profile in \$1,200 Italian suits, high step in Ferragamo shoes, carry Louis Vuitton bags, parade in \$800 leather skirts, acetate elevators with Anais Anais perfume, and wear long fur coats in hot weather." With the amount of money that black associations, fraternities, sororities and civil rights groups spend

annually in white hotels, they could buy, or build, their own lodgings and meeting facilities. Two years ago, columnist Tony Brown suggested that major black groups not convene one year and use the funds they would have paid out to attend the convention to build their own hotels. It's two years later, in the meantime hundreds of meetings have been held by us, themes of "black economic development" have been spouted from podiums of Sheratons, Marriotts, and an occasional Four Seasons, but the number of black-owned hotels and commercial corridors has not increased.

Will blacks ever start to use their conventions, or convention monies, toward the betterment of The Race? Pity the unsuspecting and well-meaning black who comes to the convention with change on his/her mind. There seems to be very little

room in the nation's finest inns for such change agents among us. The leadership of the groups that hold these conventions are held by cliques of people who want to do the same old thing in the same way, year in and year out. Instead of black improvement actions, the current record of black conventioners trends more toward black efforts to improve the bottom line of whites in the hospitality business.

So, while the black National Bankers Association meets in Nashville's Opryland and the National Minority Supplier Development Council holds its confab at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel in Orlando, let's hope that their getting together there will at least solve problems of some jobs for blacks. Let's hope that at least the people making the beds in the suites and pouring the drinks will be black.

MBJ features Newark on the rise in September/October issue

PLAINFIELD—The September/October issue of the Minority Business Journal is mainly dedicated to giving Newark all the positive publicity the city needs and all rightly deserves as a "City on the Rise." Newark Mayor Sharpe Harris and City Council president Gary Harris poignantly discuss their attempts

to make government, business, labor, academe, and the community partners in rebuilding New Jersey's largest city. Feature stories on the renewed commitment of leading bankers and financing agents help in the development of jobs for the city's people are also included in this issue.

"There are so many needs in Newark. We have here one of the highest unemployment rates in the region. Yet if we only use works together, I have hopes, feel more positive," commented Henry Hayman, Senior Vice President of Broad National Bank and Pres-

ident of the Greater Newark Business Development Council, who is just one of the people MJB discussed this increasingly pressing issue. Articles on the new Newark development plan "that promises to attract some of the ill-planning the city" and the changes at New-

ark International Airport are also included in this informative and entertaining issue of the Minority Business Journal. For further information please contact Loraine Hickman at (908) 754-3400 or send \$15 for a one year subscription to 144 North Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Ethnic Marketing: The bottom-line reality

NEW YORK—The American Marketing Association NY Ethnic Marketing Leadership Council will hold a one day seminar on October 14, 1993 at the American Management Association, 125 West 50th Street, N.Y., 7th Floor, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The seminar features special guest luncheon speaker Dick Gregory, renowned artist, activist and actor. Also featured are ethnic-marketing experts from AT&T, Best Foods, Tribune Entertainment, Pepsi-Cola, Colgate-Palmolive, The Wellington Group, and Market Segment Research. Speakers include Al Wellington, Mark Vito, Gary Berman, Frank Wong, Claire Iwaisue, Anne Cooke and Darlene Bryan. They describe proven formulated approaches in developing ethnic marketing segments and pay particu-

lar attention to bottom-line realities of ethnic marketing. Topics include demographics, research approaches and findings, marketing case studies, media implications and product movement as these relate to the three fastest growing ethnic segments in America: African, Hispanic and Asian Americans.

The seminar is designed to help companies adjust to the new marketing order and grow their business into the 21st century. By the year 2030 the total population of African, Hispanic and Asian-Americans will be nearing 186 million, representing 49% of the total U.S. population. For further information call (212) 687-3280 or FAX (212) 986-8329 for immediate reservation. Cost is \$265 for members, \$295 for non-members, and

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City Sports

The end of an era?

The great one says goodbye to basketball

by Mark Prioleau

Michael Jeffery Jordan needs a break from being Michael Jordan. The events that have materialized in the media over the past year have invaded Jordan's personal life off the court commencing with the gambling relationships that he has had with some shady characters, including Richard Esquima, who went on to write a book about how his good friend Michael Jordan has owed several outstanding debts as a result of a habitual gambling problem.

Then just weeks later, after a losing game 1 in sound fashion to the Knicks at Madison Square Garden during this year's Eastern Conference Finals, Jordan went to Atlantic City with some family members and friends in his way of relaxing after the game. The media had a field day with this, it was yellow journalism at its best. Following reports of him being in Atlantic City, Jordan went a week without speaking to the media until he spoke to NBC's Ahmad Rashad, a good friend of Jordan's.

After breaking the silence with Ahmad on national television, Michael resumed speaking with the rest of the media, disposed of the Knicks and Suns, and went on to win a third straight NBA Championship. A very bittersweet celebration for Michael Jordan, who had been harassed by the media about his gambling during the playoffs.

Of course just months ago, there was the mysterious murder of Michael's father, James Jordan, who was very close to Michael and who often attended the Bulls' games to watch his son play. During a time of privacy and grief for the Jordan family, some members of the media very distastefully broke this story with speculation

that Michael's gambling debts were a possible cause for his father's murder.

With the above incidents occurring in a relatively short period of time, is certainly understandable why Jordan announced his official retirement from the NBA last week. First and foremost, I think that it would be safe to say that the death of James Jordan has had an emotional and psychological impact on Michael's decision. James Jordan has supported Michael at every level of his basketball career and for Mike to continue playing without his father would be a difficult thing to do.

Secondly, Jordan doesn't need the headaches that come with his superstar celebrity status. When a man has to answer to the media in

defense of himself from doing things that are commonplace in our society, then it just might be time to get out of

the role that he has played in the National Basketball Association for the past nine years. Michael reined a bitter man towards the media for the way in which they have reported the stories about his gambling and especially about his father's death. This was very evident last week when he continuously referred to the media as "you guys," and when he said "you people don't have sympathy for normal people."

You will see Michael Jordan play basketball in the NBA again one day. My guess is that it will be around mid-season when the Bulls will be in the dumps, and it will be Jordan to the rescue. This retirement was a wise decision on Michael's part with or

without the intent of returning. There is no way that this man was ready to go back to playing basketball for the start of the Bulls' training camp last Thursday. He needs lots of time to be Michael Jeffery Jordan the person right now, not Michael Jordan the basketball player. Jordan is hurt by his father's death, sick of the media, and simply needs a sabbatical.

At last week's press conference in Deerfield, Illinois, Michael Jordan, the greatest athlete ever to play a team sport, departed from the game that has been a passion and part of his life ever since he was cut from the basketball team as sophomore at Emsley A. Laney High School. However, in the prime of his career at age 30, Jordan has said at times that the

passion is no longer there. Last Wednesday he said "I don't have anything else left for myself to prove." Among his greatest accomplishments: *1992 NCAA Championship at North Carolina *1984 and 1992 Olympic gold medals *1991-92-93 NBA Championships and MVP awards with the Chicago Bulls *1985 NBA Rookie of the Year *9-time all-star *3-time league MVP *15th on the all-time scoring list with over 21,000 points

Mike's right, he has nothing to prove to any of us. I was a bit selfish when I first heard his words of retirement. Say it ain't so Mike! I wanted him to give us more spectacular moments as he has done throughout his illustrious career. As a fan, I can't complain, he's given us some of the

greatest moments in sports history. If in fact he never does come back, the reality of Jordan's departure will become sadder as the days, weeks, and months go by, but until then you can't tell me that Mike isn't coming back! Basketball has been a major part of his daily routine for half of his existence on this earth. There is no way that he can give this game up cold turkey when he knows that he is still the best player in the world. Jordan is in the prime of his career, on the very top of his game. No one has ever left any organized professional sport on the level that Jordan has stepped down from. That's the scary part. Maybe that's what will make Jordan on an even higher pedestal than we thought he was originally on. But Michael Jordan will be back, you can bet on it!

Sportlight

by R.L. Greene

NEW YORK—The end of the regular baseball season is being counted in days now instead of months or weeks. And as expected, some players are still chasing the ghosts of our and our father's youth. Cecil Fielder, the man-mountain first baseman of the Detroit Tigers, has an outside chance of moving in front of Babe Ruth, the Sultan of Swat. Fielder and the Babe are the only two players in baseball history to lead the major leagues in runs batted in for three consecutive seasons.

Fielder has a problem, however, midway through September, he was running behind Frank Thomas of the Chicago White Sox and Albert Belle of the Cleveland Indians. Juan Gonzalez of the Texas Rangers is also

in the running for the American League RBI crown, which, more than likely, will win the major league race. Ken Griffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners has already joined Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Ty Cobb and Mel Ott. Gonzalez is also part of this special group. The six are the only players to record three consecutive 100-RBI seasons before their 24th birthday.

Griffey, whose father was a pretty good player in his own right with Cincinnati's Big Red Machine before joining Junior to become the first in the major leagues to combine to play in the major leagues, understands how capricious the record book can be. "A lot of guys don't get to the major leagues until they're 21, and I had the advantage coming in at 19" he said when he passed the century mark. Griffey will celebrate his 24th birthday on Nov. 21.

Gonzalez, the A.L. home run leader last year with 43, has now surpassed that mark in his record-setting season. He will turn 24 next month and leads the American League in round trippers.

In case you haven't looked lately, what with the National Football League already in high gear and the Chicago Bulls' training camp opened and ready to begin a bid for their fourth straight National Basketball Association crown, baseballs are flying out of stadiums at a pretty high rate. Midway through September four players already had 40 or more home runs, while several others are close enough to accomplish the feat if they get hot in the closing days.

Gonzalez, Thomas and young

Griffey have pounded out more than 40 homers each in the A.L. while Bobby Bonds of the San Francisco Giants is also in that rarefied atmosphere. If there is a juiced-up ball, however, pitchers aren't tossing it in the direction of Fielder. The man who broke the 50-homer plateau just a couple of seasons back has been shackled 40. But, as noted above, that hasn't troubled Fielder's ability to chase runs across the plate.

On the down side of the season is Lee Smith, the best reliever in major league history who now sometimes toils for the New York Yankees in what has turned into one of the weirdest trades in recent years. Battling for the A.L. East pennant, the Yankees acquired Smith in a trade from the St. Louis Cardinals for minor league re-

liever Richard Batchelor. "At least they got something," Smith joked when the trade was made. "I thought they'd get one of Wade Boggs' broken bats or something."

While Smith leads the major leagues with 43 saves the 6-foot-6, 270-pound right-hander will turn 36 in December and his fastball has been pounded at times. But Smith set a N.L. record with 47 saves in 53 chances in 1991 and is the only NFL pitcher to record three successive 40-save seasons. He holds the major league record of 15 saves in a month, accomplished this past June. He also has saved more games than any other reliever in history. You can't prove that with the Yankees, however, who rarely called on their closer as they continued to lose in the late innings. Now if Smith can just save Yankee Stadium.

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